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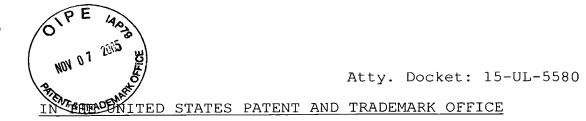
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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 17, 2005, the Applicant requests continued examination of this application in light of the following argument.

ARGUMENT

In ¶ 3 of the office action, claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 11-13, 30-32, and 34-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,379 to Hiyama et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,694,434 to McGee et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,319,776 to Hile et al. The Applicant traverses this ground for rejection for the following reasons.

Both of independent claims 1 and 30 recite limitations not found in any of the three cited patents, namely, that a registry file contains encrypted data